

IN THE CLAIMS

1 1. (Currently Amended) A collapsible container holder assembly
2 for use carrying a container in a vehicle, said container holder comprising:

3 a carrier portion adapted to be selectably mounted within the vehicle,
4 said carrier portion having at least one recessed opening formed therein, said at
5 least one recessed portion extending between a top end and an opposite bottom
6 end of said carrier portion; and

7 at least one container receptor portion having a generally horizontal
8 support surface for supporting a bottom end of the container, said receptor
9 portion being adapted to telescopically engage and be retained within said at
10 least one opening formed in said carrier portion, said at least one container
11 receptor portion is being adjustable between an extended and collapsed
12 position relative to said carrier portion, said receptor portion protruding axially
13 outwardly and downwardly relative to said bottom end while in said extended
14 position such that said support surface is substantially below said bottom end.

1 2. (Previously Amended) The container holder assembly of claim
2 1 wherein said carrier portion further comprises at least one retaining member
3 adapted to engage at least one complementary mounting point at the vehicle.

1 3. (Previously Amended) The container holder assembly of claim
2 1 further comprising a locking mechanism for locking said at least one
3 container receptor portion in said extended position.

1 4. (Previously Amended) The container holder assembly of claim
2 3 wherein said locking mechanism is locked by rotating said at least one
3 container receptor portion in a first direction while extended and unlocked by
4 rotating the at least one container receptor portion in an opposite direction.

1 5. (Previously Amended) The container holder assembly of claim
2 1 wherein said at least one container receptor portion comprises at least one
3 retaining arm disposed on an exterior surface, said at least one retaining arm
4 operative to prevent said at least one container receptor portion from being
5 pushed out from said carrier portion when said at least one container receptor
6 portion is moved to said collapsed position.

1 6. (Currently Amended) A collapsible container holder assembly,
2 said container holder comprising:

3 a carrier portion adapted to be selectably mountable to a plurality of
4 complementary mounting positions within the vehicle, said carrier portion
5 having at least one recessed opening formed therein, said at least one recessed
6 portion extending between a top end and an opposite bottom end of said carrier
7 portion; and

8 at least one container receptor portion having a generally horizontal
9 support surface for supporting a bottom end of the container, said receptor
10 portion being adapted to telescopically engage and be retained within said at
11 least one opening formed in said carrier portion, said at least one container
12 receptor portion is being adjustable between an extended and collapsed
13 position relative to said carrier portion, said receptor portion protruding axially

14 ~~outwardly and downwardly~~ relative to said bottom end while in said extended
15 position such that said support surface is substantially below said bottom end.

1 7. (Previously Amended) The container holder assembly of claim
2 6 further comprising a locking mechanism for locking said at least one
3 container receptor portion in said extended position.

1 8. (Previously Amended) The container holder assembly of claim
2 7 wherein said locking mechanism is locked by rotating said at least one
3 container receptor portion in a first direction while extended and unlocked by
4 rotating said at least one container receptor portion in an opposite direction.

1 9. (Previously Amended) The container holder assembly of claim
2 8 wherein said carrier portion further comprises at least one retaining member
3 adapted to engage at least one complementary mounting point at each of said
4 plurality of complementary mounting positions within the vehicle.

1 10. (Canceled)